

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2123

Docket No.: 1075.1112

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuichi ARITA, et al.

Serial No. 09/268,999

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No. 9272

Filed: March 16, 1999

Examiner: K. Thangavelu

For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE

RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS

WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Attention: BOX AF Technology Center 2100

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on February 12, 2004. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date of March 12, 2004.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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